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## FORMAL RESPONSE

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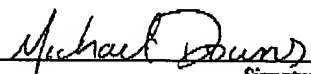
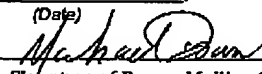
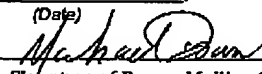
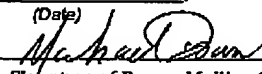
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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b> (General - Patent Pending)				Docket No. 96-140-C1						
In Re Application Of: JAY S. WALKER et al.										
Application No. 09/613361	Filing Date July 10, 2000	Examiner COLBERT, ELLA	Customer No. 22927	Group Art Unit 3624	Confirmation No. 9450					
Title: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ISSUING AND MANAGING GIFT CERTIFICATES</b>										
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>										
<p>Transmitted herewith is:</p> <p><b>Combined Amendment &amp; Petition for Extension for Time, 2 pp.;</b>  <b>Amendment and Response to O.A., 29 pp.; and</b>  <b>Return Receipt Postcard.</b></p> <p>in the above identified application.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.  <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ is attached.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <b>500271</b>  as described below.   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of <b>\$250.00</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required.  <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. </p> <p><b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b></p>										
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In Re Application Of: <b>JAY S. WALKER et al.</b>						
Application No. <b>09/613,361</b>	Filing Date <b>July 10, 2000</b>	Examiner <b>COLBERT, ELLA</b>	Customer No. <b>22927</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3624</b>	Confirmation No. <b>9450</b>	
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<u><b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b></u>						
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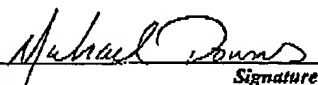
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